

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 5, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday March 5, 2019, in the Administration Building at Bethel College, 1001 Bethel Circle, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Chairman Doug Merritt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Commission members present: Terry DeMaegd, Dave Eisen, Doug Merritt, Nancy Seidler, Faye Sullivan, and Kate Voelker.

Advisory members present: Matthew Crawford, Alan Grzeskowiak, Shirley McAlister, Tom Morris, and Jason Stoller.

Staff: Christa Hill.

Hosts: Gregg Chenoweth, Ph.D., President; Emily Sherwood, Director of Alumni Relations; Kevin Blowers, Technical Services Librarian & Curator of Missionary Church Archives

Public: Dave Straughn.

A motion for the approval of the December 4, 2018 minutes was made by Dave Eisen; seconded by Kate Voelker.

WELCOME

President Gregg, provided a brief history of the founding/beginnings of Bethel College.

Each member of the HPC was also gifted a copy of With Christ at the Helm: The Story of Bethel College by Dennis D. Engbrecht.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historic Districts/Plaques

Christa Hill reported there are three remaining plaques. The Ellis Schindler House (Dr. Wheel's office), Christa will contact the office. The Rudolph-Kamm House (owned by Scott and Mary Lou Stevens), Kate Voelker will contact Mary Lou. The Dodge House at 415 Lincolnway East. The Planning office, through Dave Eisen, has had some inquiries about the Dodge House. We have learned it is on the real estate market, so installation of that plaque will wait for the new owner. Tom Morris and Jason Stoller can install when schedules match.

B. Public Relations & Community Education

Kate Voelker informed us of an Elizabeth Richardson exhibit at the Bittersweet Library branch.

C. Staff Notes

Cliff Zenor informed the office that Ben Balderas has become an Eagle Scout, so we've passed around a card to sign in congratulations.

CLG Opportunities: Provided meeting times of other CLG Commission's meetings. Doug Merritt commented about the House of Tomorrow in Beverly Shores promoted by Indiana Landmarks. He also has connections via his "day job" with towns like Whiting, for example.

Christa Hill has signed up Notre Dame Marketing classes; one of the topics is marketing with small or no budget.

Christa had provided a link to a webinar, but was really targeted for BZA and Plan Commission members. Was hoping to find other offerings via webinar that could be watched at a later date.

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OLD BUSINESS

Edgewater Drive Historic District Committee

We last meet with the Committee on February 13. Using the terms "recommended" and "discouraged" for each category. Alan Gzreskowiak is going to work on a first draft before we meet with the Committee again. Todd Zeiger, Indiana Landmarks, will review it before we go public. Mike Esposito has done a lot of history with pictures, that we can put in the beginning. We went thru the changes to the survey, and Todd answered questions. The Neighborhood is moving forward with their own things, like a garage sale. One issue that is unique to Edgewater is boathouses. Doug Merritt said there are other agencies like DNR, that would have jurisdiction before HPC. Faye Sullivan asked if this would make it harder for people, because that isn't what we are here to do. Doug wants to flush this out before writing the ordinance.

Street Topper Design

The sign shop printed a full size version. Designed by Scott Franko with Franko Design. Faye Sullivan likes the shape, thinks it draws attention. Doug Merritt asked for feedback on color, font, etc. The consensus was to lighten color to be more red, less brown. Alan Gzreskowiak thinks the letters should be the red color. Ask Street Department to install at full size. Matt Crawford ask what the design was. It is our logo. Kate Voelker suggested putting a history of our logo on the website. Christa Hill presented an invoice for \$450 to pay Scott Franco for the intellectual property rights. A motion by Kate Voelker seconded by Nancy Seidler, approved this expense. Alan asked if this was just for Normain Heights and Riviera Place. Its for the design, we can make changes for Edgewater. We had previously approved expense for 20 street toppers and brackets.

Bethel College

Alan Gzreskowiak introduced Kevin Blowers, who had been working on the history. Emily Sherwood, Director of Alumni Relations, will provide history for the Administration Building and the "barn" building after the conclusion of our meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Indiana Landmarks suggested changes to 1995 Survey (Edgewater only)

Christa Hill passed around corrected survey pages. It includes Todd Zeiger's suggested changes, plus Mike Esposito's updated dates. Kate Voelker asked what the difference was. Did it go up or down? A mistake was found, so Kate will proofread with Christa next week. Doug Merritt will ask former Commissioner Cliff Zenor to take a picture of the Dodge lamppost in the park.

Parks Department Events (including Heritage Festival)

When Alan Gzreskowiak signed up for the Heritage Fest there are also other events the Parks Department sponsors. The deadline is June for the fall events. A lot of these events are new. Kate Voelker says the Heritage Festival is our thing. Alan passed around a coloring contest handout as in idea to bring people to our booth.

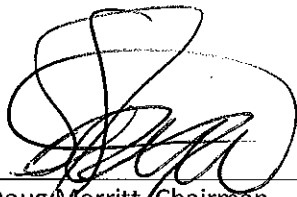
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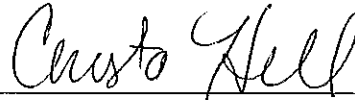
The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

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Doug Merritt, Chairman



Christa Hill, Secretary